

John Jacobs Song “Beware”

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When Grandpa, John Jacobs bid the little friends of this children good-bye, he liked to joke with them. Fanny Goodsell said he always remarked: “Now, hurry home-if you fall down-don’t stop to pick yourselves up again.”

**When I was a child grandfather taught me this song:
“Oh, my Grandma lives on yonder little green,
As fine an old lady as ever was seen;
And she often cautioned me with care,
Of all false young men to beware.**

**Tim e i tim e um tum
Tim e ump a tae
Of all false young men to beware.**

**Oh the first came a -Courting was a little Johnie Green
As fine a young man as ever was seen,
And the words of my grandma ran in my ear;
But I’d rather be married than die an old maid.”**

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